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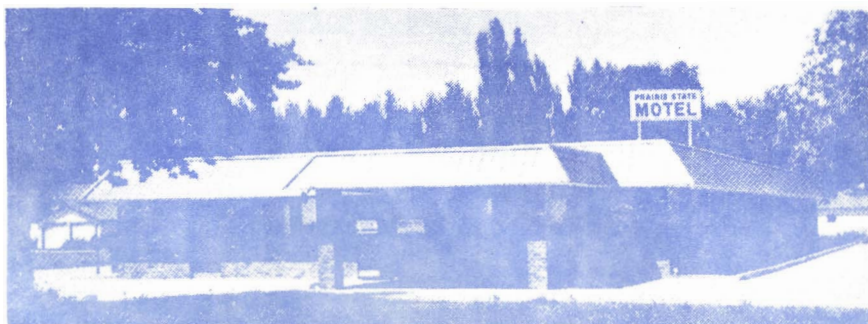
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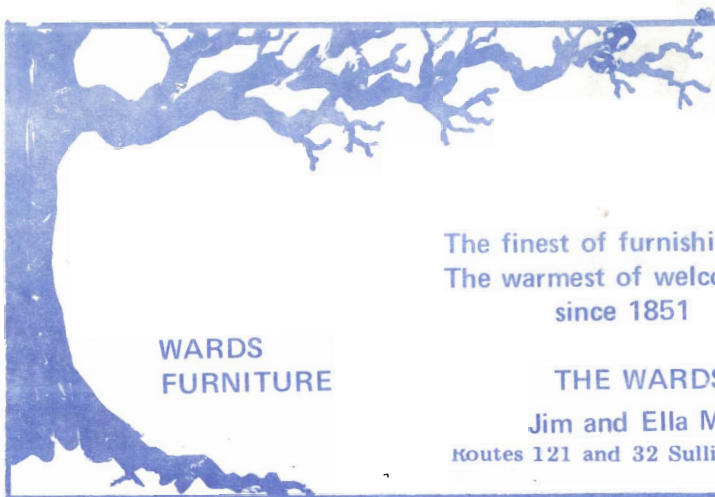
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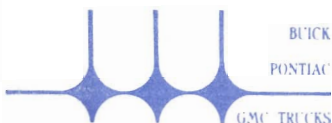
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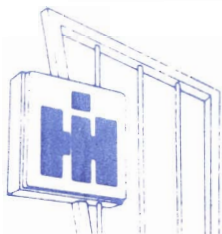
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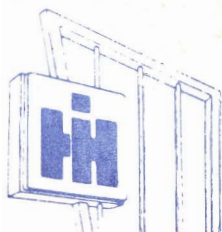
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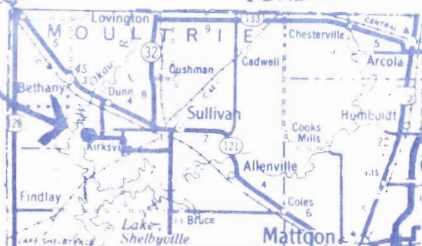
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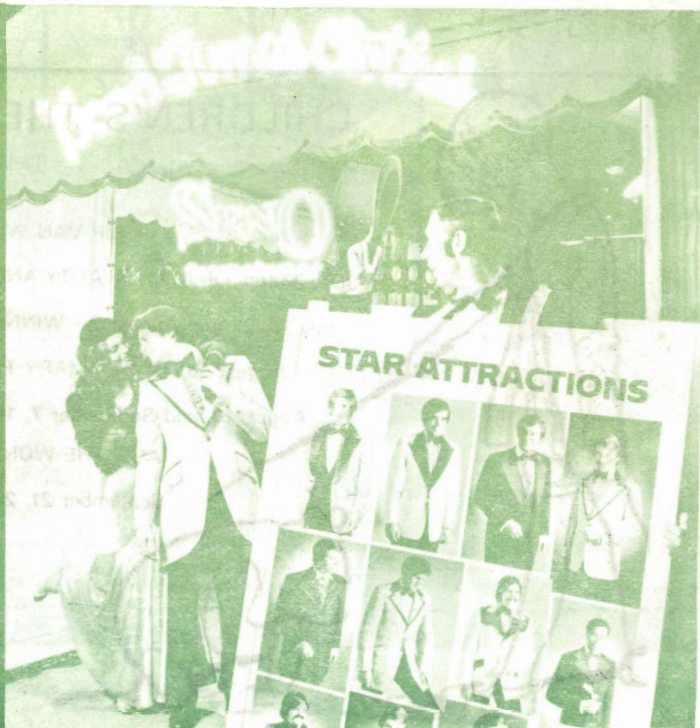
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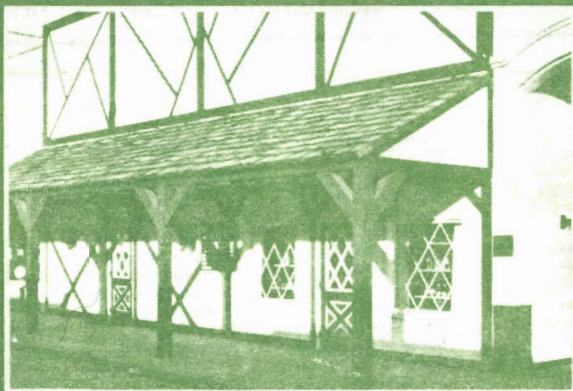
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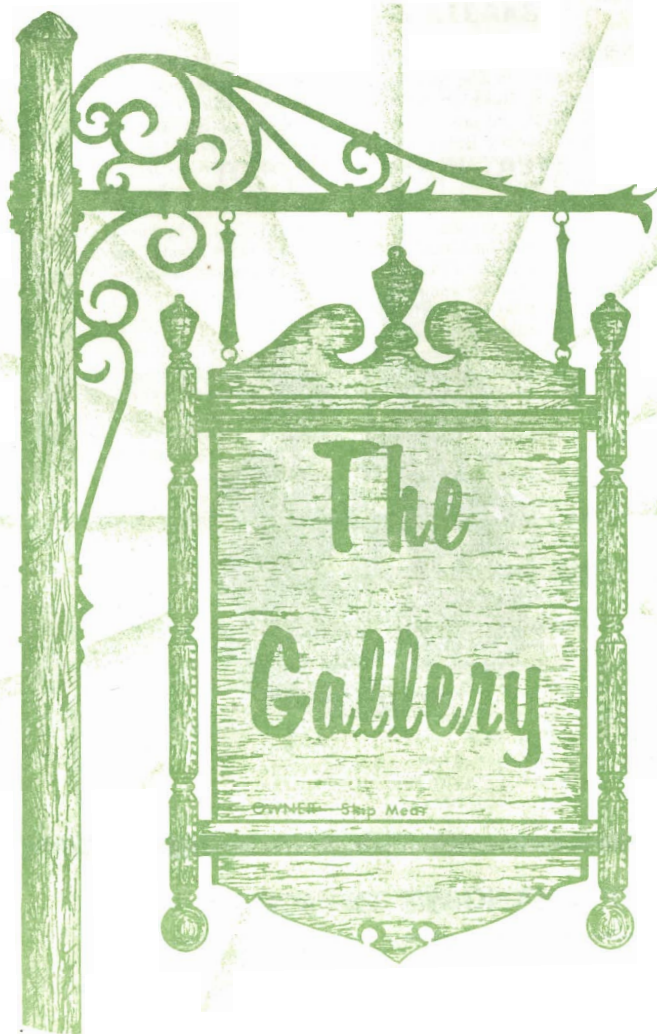
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DAVID ARTHUR (Will Parker) is enjoying his third season at The Little Theatre-On The Square, having appeared with Barbara Rush in THE UNSINKABLE MOLLY BROWN, the late Frank Sutton in ANYTHING GOES, Shelley Berman in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, Lesley Warren in IRMA LA DOUCE, Harve Presnell in ON A CLEAR DAY and Allan Jones in BLOSSOM TIME, which he also choreographed. A graduate of DePaul University, Mr. Arthur has appeared in leading theatres in the country in CHILD'S PLAY, THERE'S A GIRL IN MY SOUP with Van Johnson and again later on tour with Robert Horton. Earlier this year he appeared in an Eastern tour of PROMISES, PROMISES with David Christmas. During the current season in Sullivan, he was seen as Patrick in MAME with Rosemary Prinz and in the productions of SUGAR, FUNNY GIRL, NO, NO, NANETTE and GIGI.

MARIBETH FENCL (Ado Annie) appeared at The Little Theatre-On The Square earlier this season as Winnie in NO, NO, NANETTE with Andy Devine and as Sally Cato in MAME with Rosemary Prinz. During the 1971 Sullivan season, she was featured as Hodel in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF with Tom Poston and appeared in HELLO, DOLLY! with Virginia Mayo, THE MOST HAPPY FELLA with Bruce Yarnell and THE GREAT WALTZ with Marion Marlowe. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Maribeth has been seen as Lucy in THE BEGGAR'S OPERA, Alma in SUMMER AND SMOKE, Magnolia in SHOW BOAT and Barbara Allen in DARK OF THE MOON. She has a background in ballet, jazz and tap, and studied in London with members of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

LINDA MADAMA (Gertie Cummings) is a New Yorker who is making her first season's appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square. Previous productions for Miss Madama include CABARET, CAN CAN, WEST SIDE STORY, THE KING AND I, ANYTHING GOES, CAMELOT, MUSIC MAN and numerous others. A graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, she has worked with the Tappan Zee Playhouse, Buffalo Studio Arena, North Shore Music Theatre, Cincinnati Playhouse and Allentown Summer Theatre.

JOE BELL (Director) has just completed his second season as resident director of the Peninsula Players in Door County, Wisconsin, where he directed FINISHING TOUCHES, THE GOOD DOCTOR, THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON, and two new plays. Joe is an actor as well as a director and last appeared at the Little Theatre-On The Square in FORTY CARATS as Billy Boylan opposite June Lockhart. In the Chicago area Joe has directed a number of plays including Moliere's THE AFFECTED LADIES and Pinters THE DUMB WAITER. He has also performed at many Chicago Theatres including the Goodman Theatre, The Ivanhoe, Second City, The Forum, The Candlelight Theatre and Shady Lane. In New York Joe appeared with the APA Phoenix Repertory Company and in Neil Simons original production of COME BLOW YOUR HORN, both on Broadway and in the National Touring Company.

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Ike Skidmore.....DENNIS GRIMALDI
Will Parker.....DAVID ARTHUR
Jud Fry.....FRANK MILLER
Ado Annie Carnes.....MARIBETH FENCL
Ali Hakim.....ROBERT GWALTNEY
Gertie Cummings.....LINDA MADAMA
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"Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' "	Curly
"Surrey with the Fringe on Top"	Curly, Laurey, Aunt Eller
"Kansas City"	Will, Aunt Eller and the Boys
"I Cain't Say No"	Ado Annie
"Many a New Day"	Laurey and the Girls
"It's a Scandal! It's an Outrage"	Ali Hakim and the Boys and Girls
"People Will Say We're In Love"	Curly and Laurey
"Pore Jud"	Curly and Jud
"Lonely Room"	Jud
"Out of My Dreams"	Laurey and the Girls
Ballet	Laurey-Karen Crossley, Curley-Michael Page Jud-Dennis Grimaldi

ACT II

"The Farmer and the Cowman"	Carnes, Aunt Eller, Curly, Will, Ado Annie, Fred and Ensemble
"All er Nuthin"	Ado Annie, Will and Two Dancing Girls
Reprise: "People Will Say We're In Love"	Curly and Laurey
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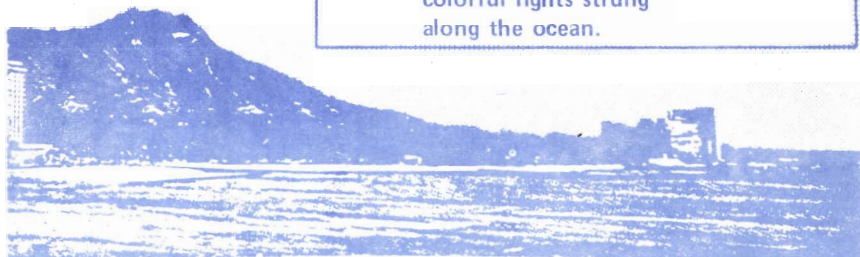
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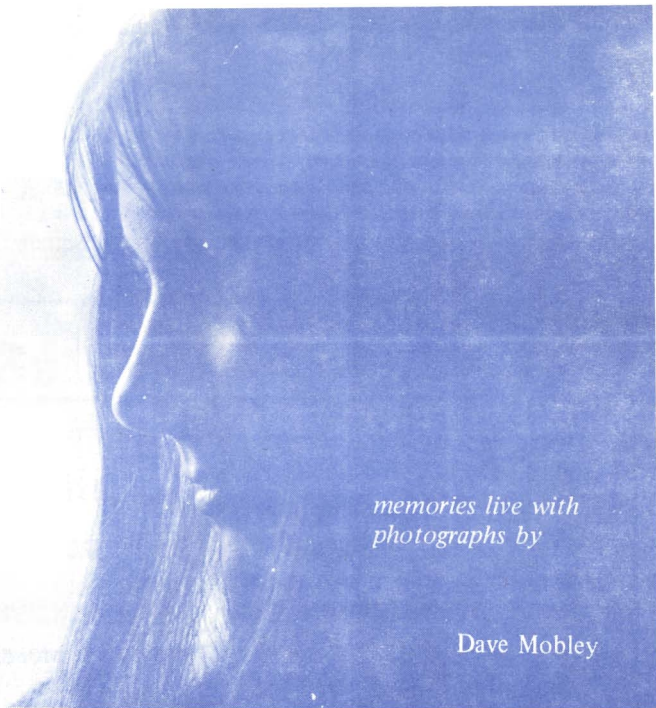
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Who's Who in the Cast

PETER PALMER (Curly) left the Broadway production of **LORELEI** in which he has been featured as Carol Channing's leading man for the past twenty months, to return to Sullivan for his 11th starring engagement at The Little Theatre-On The Square. The former University of Illinois football star who gained fame in central Illinois by singing 'The Star Spangled Banner' at all the home games, obtained instant Broadway and Hollywood fame as the star of **LIL ABNER**. While in the service, Mr. Palmer was the recipient of the All-Army Entertainment Contest, earning an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show, which ultimately led to his starring role in **ABNER**. Since then, he has starred in Broadway revivals of **BRIGADOON** and **OKLAHOMA!** and toured in nine South American countries in **SHOW BOAT** and **CAROUSEL** as part of the U.S. State Department's cultural exchange program.

Peter has the distinction of being probably the only performer who has sung for four presidents... Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. He has appeared in most of the major supper clubs through the U.S. and has made many television appearances including **LOVE**, **AMERICAN STYLE** and a featured role in the western series, **CUSTER**. And he has made more appearances at The Little Theatre-On The Square than any other male star beginning with **OKLAHOMA!** in 1962 and followed by **THE TENDER TRAP**, **THE PAJAMA GAME**, **THE MUSIC MAN**, **CAROUSEL**, **110 IN THE SHADE**, **THE STUDENT PRINCE**, **BRIGADOON**, **LIL ABNER** and **PROMISES, PROMISES** in 1972. He has succeeded in setting box-office records at each and every appearance.

ANIKO PALMER (Laufey) is a former Miss Canada and Miss Newfoundland, titles which won her the honor of first runner-up in the Miss World contest. While competing in the Miss International contest in California, she was offered a contract with Lawrence Welk and starred in **MY FAIR LADY**, **OLIVER!**, **THE UNSINKABLE MOLLY BROWN** and **GUYS AND DOLLS** at the Melodyland Theatre. It was in California that she met Peter Palmer and they announced their engagement when Peter was appearing in Sullivan in **CAROUSEL** in 1966. The following year they returned as husband and wife to star in **THE STUDENT PRINCE** and since then have been seen together on the Sullivan stage in **THE MUSIC MAN**, **LIL ABNER** and **BRIGADOON**. Mrs. Palmer has been appearing with her husband in **LORELEI** for the past twenty months, and left that production on Broadway to return to Sullivan for **OKLAHOMA!**

ROBERT GWALTNEY (Ali Hakim) returns to the Little Theatre-On The Square having made his last appearance here in the 1971 production of **THE GREAT WALTZ** with Marian Marlowe. Mr. Gwaltney began his theatrical career at the age of 19 at the Seaciff Theatre in New York in **THE**

SILVER WHISTLE with Burgess Meredith. On television, Mr. Gwaltney has appeared on the United States Steel Hour and The American Heritage series. He appeared in the off-Broadway production of **THE SAINTLENESS OF MARJORIE KEMPE** with George Maharis and Charles Nelson Riley. Robert made his first appearance on The Little Theatre-On The Square stage in its very first production, **BRIGADOON**, and since 1957, has appeared in over 100 productions here. Productions include Col. Pickering in **MY FAIR LADY**, Big Jule in **GUYS AND DOLLS**, Lutz in **THE STUDENT PRINCE**, Milo in **LO AND BEHOLD**, Betweiler, in **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**, DePinna in **YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU**, Sandor in **BELLS ARE RINGING** and Ali Hakim in **OKLAHOMA!** which he repeated in the 1967 production. In addition to appearing in **OKLAHOMA!**, Mr. Gwaltney is Assistant to Mr. Little.

PAMELA DANSER (Aunt Eller) at nineteen won a full voice scholarship to the Julliard School of Music in New York, appeared briefly in concert and opera, then forsook the limelight to raise her five children. When her youngest child entered kindergarten, she reappeared at Springfield's Community Theatre as Anna in **THE KING AND I**. The following four years led her "back to the foot lights" with leading roles at the Cooperstown Playhouse in New York, then five years as principle player at Shady Lane Playhouse in Marengo and appearances at Chicago's Ivanhoe and Minnesota's Old Log Playhouse.

Miss Danser's Sullivan roles include Bellabruna in last season's **BLOSSOM TIME** with Alan Jones, Meg in **DAMN YANKEES** with Gary Collins, John Payne's leading lady in **TIMID TIGER** and **MY THREE ANGELS** with Andy Devine. Earlier this season, she appeared as Vera with Rosemary Prinz in **MAME** and Mamita in **GIGI** with Jean Pierre Aumont.

FRANK MILLER (Jud) returns to The Little Theatre-On The Square in his fourth appearance during the 18th Season. Earlier he was enjoyed as Chief Bromden in **ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST** with Leonard Nimoy, Beauregard in **MAME** with Rosemary Prinz, and Nick in **FUNNY GIRL** with Mimi Hines. A versatile actor, Mr. Miller has appeared in repertory at the Goodman Theatre Center of Chicago, where he has played such outstanding roles as Liam O'Kelly in **THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY**, the world premier performance of Tennessee Williams' **ECCENTRICITIES OF A NIGHTINGALE**, Alexander Lovatt in **ASSASSINATION 1865**, Borachio in **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** and many others. Recent productions for Mr. Miller include **THE LION IN WINTER**, **DAMES AT SEA**, **A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM**, **THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT**, **THE PAISLEY CONVERTIBLE** and **A RAINY DAY IN NEWARK** with Gale Storm.



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